

# **STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC IMPACT TO SMALL BUSINESSES**

**1. Name of Board, Committee or Council:** Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

**2. Rulemaking hearing date:** November 2, 2006

**3. Types of small businesses that will be directly affected by the proposed rules:**

- (a) Unlicensed veterinarians who are seeking licensure and intend to be sole proprietors; and
- (b) Licensed veterinarians who employ or seek to employ licensed veterinarians or licensed veterinary technicians;
- (c) Sole proprietors, partnerships and corporations who employ or seek to employ licensed veterinarians or licensed veterinary technicians.

**4. Types of small businesses that will bear the cost of the proposed rules:**

The Board anticipates the proposed rule amendments will reduce, rather than increase, small business expenses.

**5. Types of small businesses that will directly benefit from the proposed rules:**

- (a) Unlicensed veterinarians who are seeking licensure and intend to be sole proprietors; and
- (b) Licensed veterinarians who employ or seek to employ licensed veterinarians or licensed veterinary technicians;
- (c) Sole proprietors, partnerships and corporations who employ or seek to employ licensed veterinarians or licensed veterinary technicians.

**6. Description of how small business will be adversely impacted by the proposed rules:**

The Board anticipates the proposed rule amendments will favorably, rather than adversely, impact small businesses.

**7. Alternatives to the proposed rule that will accomplish the same objectives but are less burdensome, and why they are not being proposed:**

The Board does not believe there are less burdensome alternatives because the intent of the proposed rule amendments is precisely that.

**8. Comparison of the proposed rule with federal or state counterparts:**

**Federal** The Board is not aware of any federal counterparts.

**State** The Division of Health Related Boards is composed of twenty-nine (29) boards, councils, committees, and registries. There are only three (3) boards, one (1) council, and one (1) committee that presently do not allow for some type of continuing education exemption in the first year of licensure or in the year that education requirements were completed.